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Condition Of Mr Walter Keates "Unchanged"

Late this morning the Queen Mary Hospital authorities intimated that the condition of Mr. Walter Keates, editor-in-chief of the China Mail, who was seriously injured when knocked down by a tram in Des Voeux Road Central last night, remains unchanged.

Mr. Keates was admitted to the hospital last night in what was described as a critical condition.

The full nature and extent of his injuries have not yet been determined, but he is known to have suffered severe injuries to the head.

Bunche's New Proposal

Rhodes, Feb. 14.—The United Nations acting mediator for Palestine, Dr. Ralph Bunche, has proposed neutrality for Al Auja, Beersheeb and Bir Aslur, the three controversial centres which have been holding up the Israeli Egyptian armistice negotiations.

It was learned authoritatively on Monday that Mr. Bunche's proposal was incorporated in working papers submitted to the two delegations on January 31, and that the Egyptians have accepted it. Their acceptance is described as "a major concession" by a United Nations official.

The Israeli delegation is contacting Tel-Aviv as to whether to concede the neutrality of these three strategic points which Israeli troops captured in their December offensive.

A source close to the Egyptians indicated that the Israeli delegation so far appears willing to accept the proposal. —Associated Press.

LORRY PLUNGES INTO RAVINE

Home, Feb. 14.—Seven people were killed and 27 injured when a lorry, loaded with people, crashed into a ravine near Ancona on Sunday night. Ansa the Italian news agency reported on Monday.

Of the 40 people aboard the truck, only six escaped injury. The party had been to a meeting in a village near Ancona. —Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Hongkong Citizenship

RECRUITING for the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Force revives a subject that has been practically forgotten in the stress and urgency of other things—the Hongkong citizen. It could, if it should, be argued that the one and the other are synonymous: without the second it may be difficult to achieve the first. Time will show. First results of the recruiting are claimed to be wholly satisfactory and, although original judgment were wrong, we shall be very pleased. We want to see a Defence Force 6,000 strong: it is the minimum, not the maximum after which the authorities should strive. But, apart from the concession that those who register have the choice of deciding whether they will go into the military, naval, air services, or the Special Constabulary, what precisely is the inducement to join up? For the non-Chinese the answer is easy: he or she has home and income at stake, though that, in itself, might not necessarily provide sufficient impetus, for so many have homes elsewhere, and to some Hongkong is but a "port of call." To the Chinese the issue narrows. Geographically, Hongkong is China. Yet socially, economically and spiritually, Hongkong has little in common with China today. Ours is an ordered society; a stable economic entity; a political haven. On this basis alone the Chinese in Hongkong have to reassess their position. Does Hongkong mean more to them than China? This may be putting it too high. It is like asking a man to leave his home, his family, his friends, his country, to go to a distant land, to a distant time, to a distant life. As things are at present it cannot. But there is no genuine reason why Hongkong

should not mean as much to England to the Englishman, and to the Chinese as much to China. The awareness of the individual value and importance of Hongkong to all nationalities can well be invested in a local citizenship which embodies, first and foremost, pride in, love of, and respect for the Colony of Hongkong. Without such a status it, which live here, whether "imported" or "local" are without a sheet anchor. Under the existing set-up their faith, their hopes, and with many their allegiance, become a matter of individual selection at whatever time and under whatever conditions they choose. It is feasible to suggest that the great mistake made by the Imperial Government was to offer Hongkong a form of self-government (the municipal council) without first establishing a citizen "at us" which would go some way to guaranteeing that the people who really cared about the future of Hongkong should possess their elected representatives. The standard (and now accepted) complaint about the people of Hongkong is that, for the most part they do not represent the Colony's interests—only their own. This is a problem which must be faced, sooner or later. And the solution appears to be to introduce a well defined Hongkong citizenship status, which owes primary allegiance to the Crown of the Colony, and which, as a result (or a reward) is endowed with specific rights and privileges, not to be abrogated at the whim of an administrative machine, but subject only to renunciation on the part of the individual. By such a system the loyalty of those who fore-swear allegiance will remain unimpaired.

London, Feb. 14.—Millions of Europeans were told by their newspapers today that the United States was trying to reduce the Atlantic defence pact in its final stages to a mere scrap of paper. Europeans generally, and British especially, were bombarded with newspaper headlines which, stripped to their real meaning, would say: "The United States Welches."

Partly because of the secret diplomacy surrounding negotiations, according to some Western diplomats, the Europeans had been led to believe that the United States was prepared to make commitments in the pact which actually it had never considered and could not make under its constitution.

Today's headlines and editorials stemmed from two things:

1. Reports that the United States wants to make its military commitment in the Atlantic Pact general and not precise.
2. The situation in the Scandinavian countries, which are under pressure from the West to join the pact and from Russia to stay out. The blame for this situation was placed entirely on the United States.

The Daily Express headline said: "Atlantic Pact Crisis—U.S. Pledge watered down still more."

The Manchester Guardian said the United States could "hardly be proud of some recent passages. Its apparent retreat behind the shelter of the Senate's authority should have been avoidable and much misunderstanding... in Europe been prevented. The United States should not have forced the pace if they were not able to produce the goods."

The Times, more friendly in its attitude, said, "Historically, perhaps, the European countries have been inclined to sign pacts and to think what they meant afterwards. That is not the American way."—United Press.

WANTS FIGURES

Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican foreign policy leader, today asked President Truman for the cost estimate on armaments the United States plans to send to Western Europe.

Senator Vandenberg said in an interview that Congress should know the approximate cost of the projected military lend-lease programme before it passed on the \$5,800,000,000 request for new Marshall plan funds.

The development followed weekend suggestions from Senator Vandenberg and others that falling farm prices may make it possible to cut foreign recovery spending.

The ECA Chief, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, who will be asked to review his figures in the light of recent price breaks, regards them as irreducible.

The arms supply programme is designed to bolster the pending North Atlantic security pact and to back up economic aid. Its cost is estimated unofficially at between \$1,000,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000.

President Truman gave no solid estimate in presenting the budget last month.

Senator Vandenberg and others who seek an overall picture of foreign commitments may get some help from General Dwight D. Eisenhower who returns today to the Pentagon for temporary duty. One of General Eisenhower's jobs will be to determine the extent of American military obligations in Europe and to explain them to Congress.—United Press.

COMMONS STATEMENT

London, Feb. 14.—No Government involved in the proposed North Atlantic Pact discussions had yet committed itself to any military obligations, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, said today when replying to questions in the House of Commons.

He added that it would soon be possible to give the House some information on the subject.

Mr. McNeill assured the House that though it was not yet certain what form the pact would take it would be consistent with the purposes and the principles of the United Nations Charter.

Asked whether Eire was to be invited to join the Atlantic Pact discussions, Mr. McNeill replied that it was not possible in the present state of the negotiations to say which countries would eventually be likely to join the pact.

He made no reply when asked whether the defence of Eire was not a very important item in the defence of Western Europe and whether Eire intended to defend herself.

Mr. McNeill further stated that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, was anxious to make a statement on the pact as soon as possible "when the state of the negotiations has reached a conclusive stage."—Reuter.

Terrorists Slay Briton

Singapore, Feb. 15.—Mr. F. E. W. Harrison, Assistant Manager of the Sumatra Estate in Kulim, Kedah State, was shot dead on Monday morning while driving South to Kulim.

A volley of insurgent bullets hit his car and Mr. Harrison got out and hid in a ditch. When the firing ceased, he was found with a bullet through his head.

The police found Mr. Harrison's car bullet ridden and the body lying in a swamp with several shots in the chest.

Mr. Harrison was a former member of the British Army wartime—force 136 which operated in Malaya against the Japanese.

He was parachuted into the jungle of the Perak State in 1943 to join other European planters organising guerrilla bands.—Associated Press.

Offensive Against Karens

EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED SOON

Rangoon, Feb. 14.—Government troops were expected to launch a big offensive against the Karen rebels in the Insein sector, North of Rangoon, on Monday and thus break a week-end lull in the Burma fighting.

According to Government sources, regular troops including Kachins, Chins and Gurkhas are expected to strike at the rebels under cover of an air umbrella.

Monday commenced the third week of the Insein sector fighting which broke out when the Karens disobeyed a Government call to surrender their arms.

New fires on Monday burned in the Karen stronghold of Khawla-yang, south of Insein, following an aerial bombardment by "Burmese" Spit fires early on Monday morning.

KARENS RETREATING

The Karens are reported to be retreating to Toygmen, one mile South of Insein, following a heavy attack by regular troops under the protection of heavy artillery fire.

Meanwhile, in Rangoon, Government employees were dismissed for disobeying orders to return to duty. Anti Government demonstrations broke through police cordons to surround Government House and prevent local workers from entering the building.

Barbed wire road blocks prevented the demonstrators from driving up to the Rangoon Secretariat gates but demonstrators climbed on to the roofs of buses and shouted anti Government slogans.—Associated Press.

Li Tsung-Jen Winning Political Tug-o-War

MANY NATIONALIST LEADERS RETURNING TO NANKING

Shanghai, Feb. 15.—Acting President Li Tsung-jen today is emerging victor in the government tug-of-war with Premier Sun Fo. Both facts and rumour pointed clearly to the victory for the Acting President in efforts to keep the capital in Nanking as long as there is the slightest glimmer of hope for peace with the Reds.

The facts are these: Tung Kwan-hsien, President of the Legislative Yuan, Yu Yu-pen, President of the Control Yuan, Liu Che, Vice-President of the Control Yuan, and General Ho Ying-chin, former Minister of National Defence on whom Premier Sun Fo reliably counted to take the job as Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalists in South China to continue the fight—all returned to Nanking.

The Deputy Premier and current Foreign Minister, Mr. Wu Te-cheng, sent word from Canton by Tung Kwan-hsien to returning to Nanking in a few days.

An informal meeting of Legislative Yuan members in Nanking voted unanimously to keep the law-making seat in Nanking.

A United Press report from Canton said the Legislature there admitted a possible quorum now in Nanking and they are wavering in their decision to stay in Canton. Shanghai legislators are meeting today or tomorrow to decide which way to go.

SUN FO ILL

Significant among the reports is that Dr. Sun Fo told his friends that he was suffering high blood pressure and his mother was urging him to go to Macao for a rest. There was no doubt about Sun Fo's ill health. The Premier still uses a cane to get around as an aftermath of his leg tumor operation last December.

That there has been an agreement of some kind among top military officials to support talks on reorganising to continue the fight as long as peace hopes still exist was seen in Ho Ying-chin's return to Nanking.

He told the Press that he returned to Nanking to help President Li Tsung-jen in the task of making peace with the Reds. General Ho Ying-chin, who has long been China's delegate to the United Nations Joint Military Commission at Lake Success, has been regarded as an anchor around which Conservatives still demanding fighting would build the core of southern defences. His role under President Li was generally accepted as designed to keep the army under control in order not to affect peace-making efforts.

The sole developments of military nature came in an unofficial announcement that the Nationalists abandoned Tingchow and Halmen, both on the north banks of the Yangtze between Shanghai and Nanking. Forces were withdrawn across the river. The action gave the Reds control of the river from the mouth to the point of an undeclared area east of Pukow across

from Nanking. Government troops are still in defence positions at Pukow, somewhere north from where Chen Yi's massed Red columns are marking time.

THE PEACE FRONT

On the actual peace front, the major development was the delayed arrival in Peiping of the Shanghai mission headed by Dr. W. W. Yen. The plane left Shanghai on Sunday morning but was held overnight at Tientsin because of a faulty tyre of the plane. The members of the mission were transferred to another plane on Monday and arrived in Peiping late in the afternoon.

Mr. Wu Yu-hou, who headed the Nanking mission to Peiping, addressing a Shanghai peace rally said he was convinced that the Reds will announce a full-blown official peace conference only after Peiping is completely secured against all Kuomintang and Nationalist influences. He said the Reds planned to make a citywide house to house canvass in Peiping in order to weed out and round up all possible anti-Red elements remaining in Peiping. Until it is completed, according to Mr. Wu, there is not much chance that "Mao Tse-tung will officially reply to Li Tsung-jen's appeal to set the time and place for an official conference."—United Press.

DEMAND FOR CHIANG

Shanghai, Feb. 15.—First public demand that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek should resume public life was heard here.

More than 20 members of the KMT Central Committee voted to invite the Generalissimo to start a party reform movement.

Fu Chen, director of the Shanghai KMT headquarters was chairman of the group which met at the City Bank Building.—Associated Press.

MARTIAL LAW

Shanghai, February 15.—Martial law was proclaimed in Foochow by the Fukien Pacification Headquarters reports the American owned Post-Mercury.

Regulations require strict control of all travel involving residents certificates for foreigners.—Associated Press.

Kwok Kwong Sentenced To Eighteen Months Hard Labour

Remarking that he could not overlook the extreme seriousness of the type of crime, Mr. Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions this morning passed sentence of eighteen months' hard labour on Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, convicted by a jury on Friday night on four counts of theft of public servant and one of obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. It will be recalled that Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector grade 1, was acquitted on all eleven counts, Kwok being found Not Guilty on six charges.

Kwok's sentence is to date from the day of his arrest, August 11, last year. His Lordship said that he took into account the fact that Kwok had been of good character up to the date of this case and the fact that he would lose his pension and his job.

In an eloquent plea, in mitigation on behalf of Kwok, Mr. Percy Chen, who was instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ for the defence, said that the case was of a new and particular nature. In times such as we were living in after a great war had been fought and also when the territory in which we were involved was in that war and when consider-

able damage was done to properties the problem of rehabilitation became one of the most urgent of the problems which faced the Colony. After the war there was also moral deterioration of men and persons not only in the lower ranks but in the higher ranks.

"We must also bear in mind that there is a new spirit trying to emerge out of this destruction, and many of the old systems, as in this case the system of the PWD which might have satisfied conditions of several decades ago but in this modern time do not satisfy present conditions," said counsel. "Such a system when morals are high have their own safeguards but when morals are weakened the safeguards which are imposed by self-discipline may not be sufficient."

In the case of Kwok Kwong, said Mr. Chen, there was another aspect which he would like to bring to his Lordship's attention. Kwok Kwong was a man of the old type; a man of the obedient type, but he was saying this without reference to any matters raised in the case. Whatever these men were instructed to do they probably did feeling themselves to be more or less secure in the responsibility which their superiors might bear for giving such instructions. Particularly was this true in the case of Chinese since,

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Novelty Lamps For The Home

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

If you judge by size, you're getting more for your money in the latest modern lamps. They're bigger.

"We are making some of our table lamps 30 inches high," commented one manufacturer at the New York lamp show, "and that's a lot of lamp."

The shades are deeper, but narrower. Many of the new designs have plastic or parchment shades measuring up to 18 inches deep.

Few new lamp fashions showed up in the hundreds of models on display at the show. The only thing to leave a visitor murmuring in wonder was the amount of electricity that must be used to keep a lamp display burning on seven hotel floors.

Plastic and fibre glass shades promise to be the most durable of all lamp coverings. The two materials are combined to make beautiful shades which are resistant to almost any stain, the heat, to light and even to lipstick. The cost is less than half that of a genuine parchment shade.

Plenty Of Variety

For families who like novelty designs as well as light with their lamps, the future holds plenty of variety. Weird wood cutouts in free shapes come both in natural wood and brilliant colours. There's a floor lamp made to resemble a coachman's lantern. Plastic wire screen is used for the bottom of the lantern, with a red plastic fabric hooded top.

Three grinning fish are piled up on a wavy sea blue base to form the base of an inexpensive modern lamp. And for the children, the popular merry-go-round lamp, has been animated. A motor like that in a children's phonograph is put in the base of the lamp with a switch separate from the lamp switch. The merry-go-round base spins almost soundlessly when the motor is switched on.

The manufacturers say there will be a slight price drop in china lamps this spring, but metal lamps will cost as much, if not more, than last year. And even in the china lamps, there still will be plenty of intricate \$150 models with elaborate tuffin shades for those who prefer delicate china figurines to less expensive composition bases of modernistic fish.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

After a vacuum bottle has held food, rinse it with lukewarm water, then fill with clean, warm, soapy water and shake up, or soak for an hour or so, the U.S. Department of Agriculture advises. Any traces of food should be removed with a bottle brush. Finally, rinse with clear, lukewarm water and then with water containing a little chlorine. Turn upside down to drain, dry and air. Corks and screws should be scrubbed with hot water.

Do not spoil your linoleum with too frequent cleanings, especially with strong soaps, or you may shorten the life of your floor covering.

Colours Affect Our Health

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, MD

WE have all seen colours best described by the word "depressing," but few of us would believe that working in surroundings where such colours predominate could result not only in reduced efficiency but actual physical sickness.

And yet, this may very well be true. Dr Paul Senger of Indiana University is convinced of it, finding in our poor use of colour in our homes, offices, and factories a clue to much of the irritability, depression and slowness attributed by many to the presence of modern living.

He believes that our emotions and mental health are affected by colours to the same extent as by sounds and odours, and that this emotional disturbance may be reflected in such physical symptoms as headache and nausea.

Relaxing Colours

And if certain colours can do harm, others can help. High-strung, emotional people, for example, should work and live in rooms in which the colours are relaxing, while people who tend to be depressed should frequent rooms in which colours are light and stimulating.

For example, in most business offices, the filing cases are dark green, the desks are dark brown, and the walls are a dark colour. It would be better to have light-coloured furniture and light-coloured paint.

In school rooms, it has been found that changes along this line have produced amazing improvement in the work of both teachers and pupils.

Not only must colours be considered, but also lighting. Of course, all places where people work and live must be well lit, with not too much glare. Experiments have been carried out to indicate that blue or white light does not stimulate muscular activity.

"Green, yellow, and orange increase it to some extent, and red light is particularly effective. These colours seem to have an invigorating effect, both mentally and physically."

Blue and green colours are recommended for reception rooms, waiting rooms, and executive offices. In a room where a great deal of work is carried out, warmer peach colours, red, and cream colour may better be employed.

Of course, things which affect the mental and emotional health also have an effect on the physical health. Thus, it would appear important from the standpoint of well-being and efficiency that some attention be given to this matter of colour and lighting.

Your Finest Linens Need Proper Care

By ELEANOR ROSS

NOW is the time that beautiful table linens comes into its own. Housewives who use runners and place mats almost the year round, break out the fine damask as the new season approaches.

Fine table linen is not hard to care for; in fact, linens are easier to wash than other fabrics because linen fibres let go of dirt quicker, coming clean without soaking, boiling or long rubbing. Ten minutes in a washer is long enough. Use water as hot as the hands can stand, possibly two hot sudgings if there are

grease spots to be removed. Rinse thoroughly in three clear waters.

No special care is required, because linens, unlike synthetic fabrics, are not weakened by being wet. The same brands of washing preparations that have been found satisfactory for other fabrics may be safely used in washing linens. A water softener, particularly the type known as a water normaliser, is recommended in certain sections where water is hard, because it prevents the soap from combining with the mineral in the water to form sticky curds. The softener should be completely dissolved in the wash water before the soap is added. It should be used in the first two rinses, but omitted from the last.

Use Of Bleach

A bottled chlorine bleach, about a cupful to the average size washer or tub, may be used if linens are badly stained. Thoroughly mixed with the soapy wash water before the linens are immersed, it will remove the usual beverage or fruit stains, making it unnecessary to give special attention to each spot separately. Rinse immediately in at least three waters to remove all traces of the bleach. Used properly and rinsed out at once and completely, a bleach is perfectly safe and will not "eat" the fabric. For ordinary soil, however, regular laundering without a bleach will keep linens snowy white.

Washed as directed, linens do not usually need bluing. But if a bluish cast is desired to give linen a whiter look, the bluing should be well mixed in the last rinse before linens are put in. In fact, this is a good rule for all laundry preparations. Mix well before adding linens.

Some homemakers like the gloss and new-bought look a bit of starch gives, but very little should be used as a stiff finish is both unattractive and detrimental.

Dry Correctly

Drying linens correctly is just as important a factor in assuring long service and lasting beauty as the washing or ironing. Drying linens in the sunshine is, of course, the ideal way. The next best way, particularly in freezing or very windy weather, is over a line indoors, but away from heat. If an automatic drier must be used, the temperature should be kept at room level as near as possible so that the drying is done, not by heat, but by the circulation of air.

Hang both cloth and napkins folded over the line. Hanging by the corners makes them out of shape, pulling the corners into peaks that are not easy to iron out square again. As each piece is placed on the line, the fingers should be run down the hems to straighten them out.

FLANNEL FOR SPRING



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

FRENCH FLANNEL is a very light weight is used for this useful and youthful daytime dress that boasts plenty of smartly unobtrusive detail. A stitched fold at the yolk line gives the effect of a collar and yoke being in one piece (like a little cap yoke). The bodice is snugly buttoned to the waist with pearl buttons. The skirt is gathered in front, and gored at the back, and has pockets at the hips.

Hair Needs Frequent Brushing



A spiral brush is excellent for doing a really thorough job. Use it with a rotary motion and a twist of the wrist.

By HELEN FOLLETT

NO matter what kind of a hairstyle a girl wears, one beauty rule is necessary. The glorious crown must have frequent brushings, it must be shampooed often, and the scalp massaged and kept in an immaculate state. You can't have style without sheen. If the hair is neglected it has a sad look as if the shafts were only half alive. It doesn't stay put. When one tries to arrange it, it has tantrums, flies every which way. Brush it well every night and you will see how nicely it will behave. For this, a spiral brush is excellent. Use it with a rotary motion and a twist of the wrist.

One is all too likely to place the blame on the permanent when the head looks messy, or fancy that the shampoo medium is too drying. All the poor that needs is a little petting and loving care. If the

growth is healthy and well kept almost any hairstyle will look neat, be smart.

The trend, of course, is towards simpler coiffure arrangements. That's good news to the busy ladies who have little spare time. Chattered curl effects are definitely out, as are the frizz tops.

Preferably, especially for young women, hair should be fairly short, three or maybe four inches. But if the longer bob is worn, an attempt should be made to comb it into an arrangement that avoids heaviness at the shoulders.

With tresses smooth and shining bright, forehead arrangements are coming into fashion. You can have soft bangs with a single wave line, or the ends turned under. Or, you can form a forward moving wave line that dips ever so slightly.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A "Different" Main Dish

WITH meat high in price, and promising to be high for some time to come, there is a tough problem to be solved, or fancy that the husband will eat only steak, chops or roasts.

"What about a nice casserole or stew?" asked the Chef.

"A confirmed steak and potato man will turn up his nose at it, or eat it merely from a sense of duty."

"What about the liver, and the sweetbreads, the tripe and the kidney?" continued the Chef.

"Most men consider them strange and foreign concoctions," I answered, "not in the class with a juicy steak, a chop or a cut of roast beef."

The Chef bristled; his high-browed seemed to rise in resentment. "You mean to tell me that the liver, Lyonaise, the sweetbreads aux champignons, the tripe a la bordelaise, the kidneys en brochette are mere concoctions? Why, they are the vital organs of the meat animal, fit for the gourmet, the gastronome and excellent for the health."

Doesn't Want Change

"I agree with you, Chef. But if a man has formed the steak and potato habit, it's hard to change him. He's balky as a mule and doesn't want to change."

"Then so much the worse for him," he grumbled. "Now wait a minute, Chef. Of course in a way he's already penalized because he has to pay high meat bills on account of his limited taste. And the wife and children are also penalized because money needed for many other necessities is spent for over-expensive meat."

Perhaps we can give some suggestions to the homemaker by which she might gradually induce him to make more extensive his choice of meats," ventured the Chef.

"First, let's consider what appeals most to a man in broiled steaks or chops or a roast," I suggested. "Undoubtedly it's the rich brown outer surface combined with the tender juicy meat. Then, of course, he often puts a condiment on the meat itself, such as ketchup, chili sauce or Worcestershire."

Limited Selection

"Well, Madame, we can give him these same flavours in a beef casserole with a nice sauce and a limited selection of vegetables. From this we can progress to a veal goulash and a lamb ragout in which we introduce other vegetables. We will flavour these dishes with the different condiments to give the taste he likes, and we will not make these dishes soupy. Always they will appear to be nice browned meat with a sauce, neatly served with attractive looking vegetables. And always the meat will be as tender as a good steak."

"That's a fine idea, Chef. What we will really do, is cook or braise well browned meats until fork-tender in a delicious sauce, seasoned with a condiment and the delicate flavours of the vegetables cooked with it. We will garnish this dish with an extra vegetable, such as peas or carrots, cooked separately to keep their colour, and we will serve it on dinner plates. "If he is a healthy man, he will enjoy such a dish," commented the

Chef. "The homemaker can learn to use a variety of the less expensive meats in different ways, and then the steak or the roast can be occasionally served without too much disturbing of the budget."

Dinner

Citrus Fruit Juice
Beef Casserole with Vegetables and Spaghetti Peas
Cabbage and Celery Slaw
Dark Bread
Chocolate Chip Puffs Vanilla Sauce
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recept Serve Four

Beef Casserole

Cut 1 1/2 lbs. chuck or round of beef into 1 1/2" cubes. Roll in flour and brown in 4 tbs. meat drippings or use beef suet. Meanwhile peel 4 carrots and 4 small white turnips and cut in quarters; mince 2 medium-sized onions; break enough spaghetti into lengths to make 1 c. Arrange the meat, vegetables and spaghetti in alternating layers in a casserole. Dissolve 2 tsp. beef extract in 1 c. water. Add 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, and pour into the casserole. Add boiling water barely to cover. Put on the lid and bake at 350 F. for 3 hrs. or until the meat is fork-tender. Turn onto a deep platter and serve garnished with peas.

Cooked Salad Dressing

Melt 1/4 c. butter or margarine in a double boiler. Stir in 3 tbs. sugar, 4 tbs. flour, 1/2 tsp. dry mustard, a few grains cayenne pepper and 1 tsp. salt. Beat and add 2 eggs (Grade A or B) and stir in 1 1/2 c. soured milk or buttermilk, or use sweet milk. Cook and stir over hot water until thick, like a custard sauce. Then slowly stir in 1/2 c. cider vinegar mixed with 1/4 c. hot water. Return to the heat and cook and stir until the mixture thickens again. Then beat vigorously with an egg beater. This will keep two weeks in a covered jar in the refrigerator.

Chocolate Chip Puffs

Into a good-sized sauce pan measure 1/3 c. shortening or margarine, or 1/4 c. lard. Stir until ammonia; then cream in 1 c. sugar and 2 well-beaten eggs (Grade A or B). Sift together 1 1/2 c. flour, 1/3 tsp. salt and 3 tsp. baking powder. Add 1/2 c. chocolate chips. Then stir alternately with 1 c. milk into the first mixture. Transfer to good-sized muffin pans and bake about 30 min. in a moderate oven, 375 F. Serve warm with hot vanilla or chocolate sauce. Makes enough for 2 meals. Reheat for a second service.

Vanilla Sauce: In a small sauce pan mix together 3/4 c. sugar, 1/4 tsp. cornstarch and 1/2 tsp. salt. Gradually stir in 1 1/2 c. boiling water. Bring to boiling point and simmer 15 min. Then beat in 1 tsp. butter or margarine and 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract.

Trick Of The Chef

When using muffin pans, and you do not have enough batter to fill them all, pour boiling water into the unused sections. Otherwise they will warp and your muffin pans will be ruined.

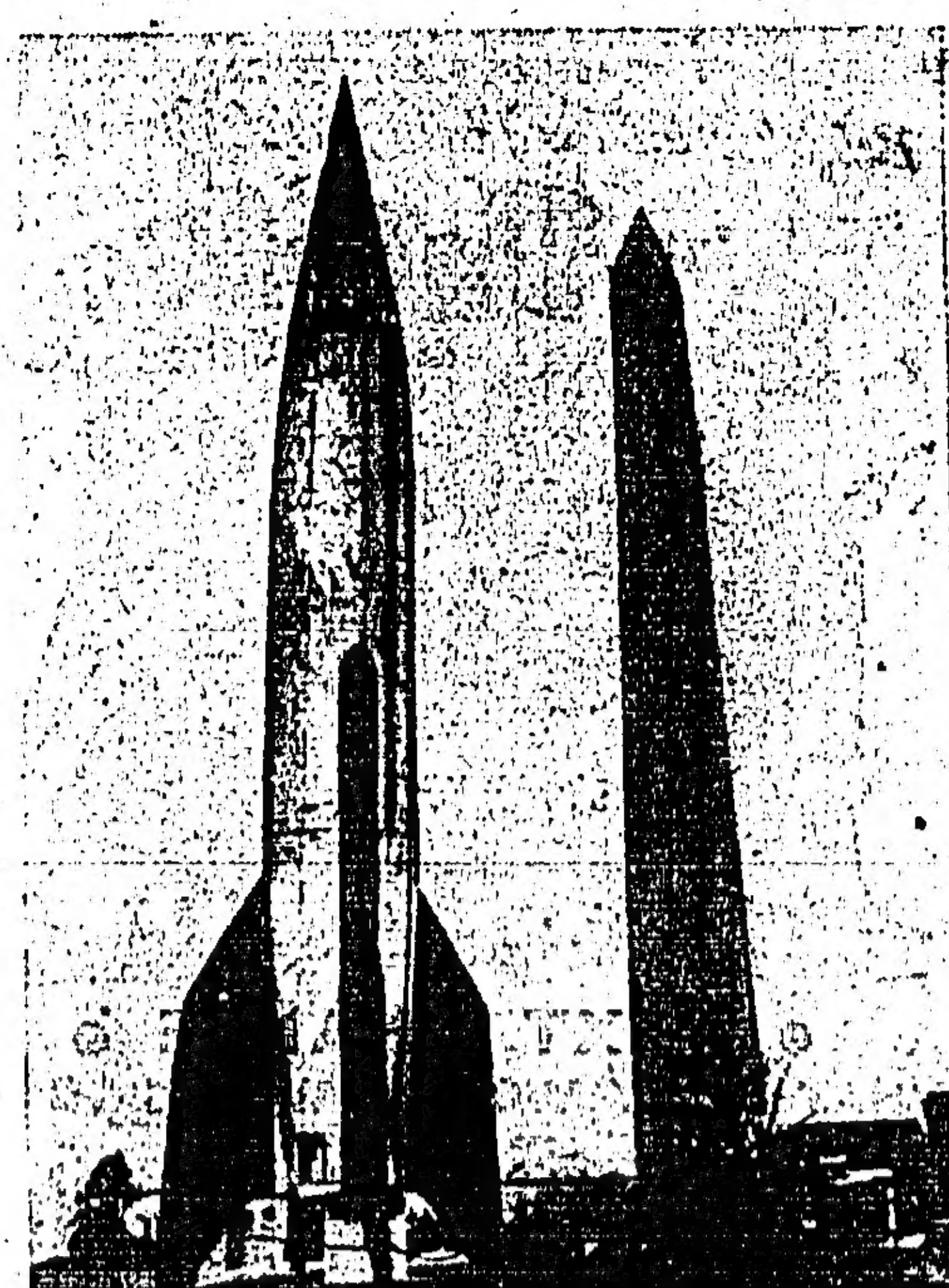
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



SEARCHING FOR RED ARMS—A Milan policeman uses a mine detector to find Communist arms caches after the authorities had uncovered one of the largest arms hide-outs in Italy since the 1948 elections. The police acted on information given them by a dying Communist. Most of the arms found in the area were useless because of corrosion.



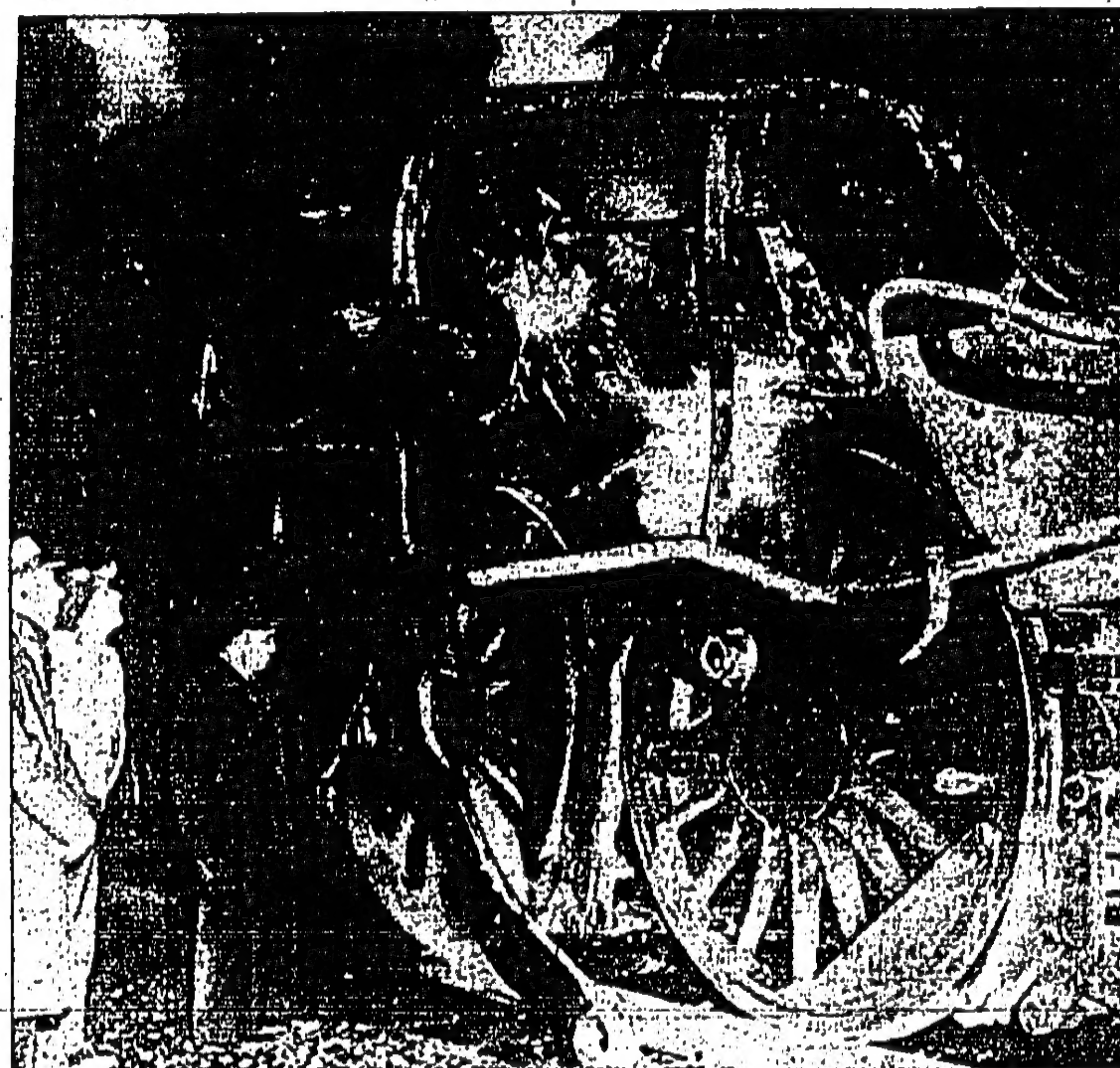
BIRTHDAY DISPLAY—On the birthday of Mahomet, this colourful parade formed part of the traditional celebration in Cairo. These drummers marched through a bedecked square to the parade ground, where they were reviewed by Egypt's Prime Minister, Abdel Hady, representing King Farouk.



TALL ROCKET—This German V-2 rocket towers in front of the Washington Monument at the armed forces exhibition held in Washington.



WHERE'S THE WATER?—Florida State College co-eds, Jean and Jane Strickland, are ready to take a dive at Cypress Gardens. But like all bathing beauties, they never quite reach the water.



LONG ISLAND INCIDENT—Long Island Railway officials look over the damage done when the rear end of a driving rod came loose on the train's run past Carle Place, New York. None of the train's passengers was injured but railway employees have threatened to strike because, they charge, faulty equipment is endangering their lives. State officials have been asked to inspect facilities.



BARREN CITY—Only light traffic moves past Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters in Nanking these days. Panicky citizens continue to flee the capital as Communist forces press nearer.



CHILDREN'S FUND—Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, right, chief delegate to the United Nations from the Philippine Islands, presents UN Secretary General Trygve Lie with a cheque for 225,000 pesos at Lake Success. The money was collected under the auspices of the Philippine National Committee for the UN Appeal for Children, to be used for the International Children's Emergency Fund administered by the UN.



COUNT 'EM—Lady, an Irish setter of Chicago, watches the antics of her 13 pups. Mrs. John Kusperek and the proud mother are unconcerned, but we can see only 12 of the three-weeks-old litter.

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William Hickey

From the notebook of a bewildered Man-about-the-West-End with some questions on his mind

WHY does nobody see the irony in the present duties of the MISSISS ANN GEORGE and BERYL LUND? They were both suspended from their Government jobs for suspected Communist sympathies. They have now both been given new jobs—in the Ministry of Education.

WHY did SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE ever trouble to look us up again in England after all those wartime years in Hollywood? He sails back to America (and all those fat film parts) after a season with the Old Vic. He goes away a disappointed man, with critical salt rubbed in his wounds.

For the long voyage home to England—which Sir Cedric hoped would be a professional triumph—produced nothing but sighs and groans.

Among the reviewers' phrases: "Dull," "flat," "unenthusiastic." Among the kinder comments: "Cedric Hardwicke (in 'The Cherry Orchard') played Gae with the dignity that was never shabby or faded—which is not quite what Chekhov meant."

WHY has it taken thirty years for the truth to be told about Passchendaele? For thirty years soldiers have thought of this 1917 campaign as the worst horror—and the most wasteful in lives and purpose—of the first world war. And now, from the War Office's own official historian, BRIG-GENERAL SIR JAMES E. EDMONDS, comes a most astonishing re-assessment of the battle and the man who planned it—FIELD MARSHAL HAIG.

Mud... Casualties... Waste—the historian with thirty years' research behind him tackles all three questions—

1. **MUD**—General Edmonds declares that mud was only encountered in the last month of a three-and-a-half month battle, and then only in the valleys. Many attacks were launched in dust storms, he says.

2. **CASUALTIES**—main point of LLOYD GEORGE'S subsequent attack on Haig. These have always been believed to be 400,000. General Edmonds says they were little more than half that figure.

3. **WASTE**—one of the most serious charges has always been that the attack was continued after the weather had broken. But now we hear that whenever Haig threatened to pause in the battle Petain begged him to carry on as the battle was vital for French morale.

But perhaps the firmest support quoted for Haig's new pedestal is the view of the enemy. With their army gravely weakened, with thousands of pessimistic letters going back to the Fatherland they summed up thus: "Haig remained master of the field."

WHY LYNXKEY? The word is an anglicisation of the Gaelic cognomen LOISCIGH—and it might easily have been Lynch.

* Military Operations, France and Belgium, 1917, Vol. II.

One of Mr Justice Lynskey's ancestors was a Virginian farmer selected to try offenders because he was "a man of good judgment and impartiality." But his name passed into the American language as the originator of that old Southern habit—lynching—or stringing up Negroes from lonely trees.

Mr Justice Lynskey cannot claim to be more impartial than another of his ancestors—Judge Lynch, Warden of Galway. He tried and found his own son guilty of murder.

WHY is there such a boom in those "little theatres" which have burst up like mushrooms in the Bayswater-Kensington belt since the war?

They manage, incidentally, to get more publicity for themselves in the national Press than any of the big theatres outside London.

Anyone can start a little theatre: You borrow some money from your friends, get to work with lath and plywood, fling in 50-odd chairs, register as a club, and open a bar in the back—and, bingo you're all set.

It is the new way out for the stage-struck. Instead of hawking talents around the agents, they start a theatre of their own.

Some of these places are a useful adjunct to the West End theatre. The 100-seat Mercury, run by ASILEY DUKES, in a disused church in Ladbroke-road, W., gives first performances to the plays of T. S. ELIOT, and specialises in productions which otherwise would have no chance of getting beyond the MS stage.

The New Lindsey, in a school-room, has discovered players like DIRK BOGARDE and MARY KERRIDGE.

And the 64-seat torch—in Knightsbridge—where there was a

barney between the lessees this month—has had its last production, "Breach of Marriage," archly described as "the artificial insemination play," transferred this week to the West End.

Among the ideologists there were mysteries to be solved...

WHO bungled that film show the other night at the Soviet Embassy?

It was intended as a big propaganda party in the cause of Anglo-Russian friendship—a programme of Moscow's latest film documentaries. It turned out to be a Marxian mix-up which had far more to do with the Brothers than with Karl.

(a) The Russians had invited more people than there were seats for. Half the programme was interrupted by scuffles as people scrambled for chairs. MR D. N. PRITT, K.C. was one who found himself without a seat.

(b) The films kept breaking: down or showed two half-images of the screen at once. And the sound-track changed speed in mid-scene, so that a peasant woman sang in a bass as deep as Chappelin's and a commissar screamed in a high-pitched falsetto.

(c) On the front row a Russian girl-translator wrestled with the peculiar noises coming off the screen. But her microphones worked only intermittently, cutting her off in mid-sentence.

At Oxford the mystery was of another kind

WHO introduced the Century of the Common Man (or more exactly, the Common-Eater), to Magdalen?

For centuries the ceremonial of Dining in Hall at Magdalen has been one of Oxford's most glorious traditions. Old Magdalen men—OSCAR WILDE among them—have written about it in awed and bated words.

No more. By decision of the Senior Common Room the tradition of Dining in Hall is ended. The undergraduates now dine—Cafeteria.

Among the men and women whose fame has come from the skill of their limbs (and their voices) there was the grim reminder of the minor accident that can cut short a career...

THE famous harpist SIDONIE GOOSENS, was looking wryly at the cut on her own finger when she heard that HARRIET COHEN, one of the world's greatest pianists, is threatened with the possibility of never playing professionally again owing to damaging her hand on a broken sherry glass.

Miss Goosens had been decorating her country cottage in Surrey and a splinter got into her finger. "Another half-inch," she said, "and there could easily have been no more harp for me for quite a time."

The cut or bruise that ordinary people never notice can cost a top-flight soloist thousands of pounds. It is the reason why YEHUDI MENUHIN always lounges around with his hands in his pockets, and why pianist MOIRA LYPFANY (to keep those golden fingers out of harm's way) always wears gloves.

For singers the hazards are colder rather than accidents. Tenor EARRY JONES has an immense coughdrop consumption. He gorges four times every night.

C. V. R. THOMPSON REPORTS THE AMERICAN SCENE THE GIRLS BREAK IN

NEW YORK. WOMEN have breached America's last citadel of masculinity.

West Point, which is to the U.S. Army what Sandhurst is to Britain, went co-ed.

A No Women tradition 147 years old was broken by the arrival of 15 recruits from the U.S. equivalent of the W.R.A.C.—all of them young, most of them pretty.

Another 40 will reinforce them in a day or two. The girls will not be kept apart from the men cadets.

"We believe in co-education, not segregation," said Captain Edythe Robertson, a veteran of D Day who will command them.

And far from resenting that statement, the boys cheered it.

West Point's first women cadets will be trained as medical technicians. That job, said West Point's male superintendent, is one that no man can do as well as a woman.

BUT in East St. Louis, Illinois, some new arrivals at the Junior high school got a less friendly welcome. Thirteen Negroes, unable to enter any other college in town, went there to start work. Nearly 100 white students immediately walked out on strike.

WASHINGTON reports that President Truman is refusing to commit himself on whether he will run for re-election in 1952.

SO MANY AMERICANS are living longer that old people promise to become a problem. Warned Ewan Clague, of Washington's Department of Labour: "Industry is not geared to hire many old people. And it is time older people considered a second working life, a second career of lesser importance and at smaller pay than their first one."

FOR ALL the big January sales, New York stores report that their receipts were four percent down on last year. And they say that the only goods customers are buying are those marked down.

ACCORDING to officials of Indiana State prison, television has a calming effect on the insane. Since they installed a set, fewer sedatives have been needed by the prison's 352 mental patients than ever before.

AND STARTING MARCH 1, television will be used to calm shoppers. A chain of 25 New York grocery shops announced that they are installing four sets in each shop.

UNTIL a few weeks ago, Rick Brown, a 21-year-old Negro, shined shoes in Chicago. Then a customer became fascinated with the chant he used while working, and hired him to chant outside the night club he owned.

Then Lionel Hampton, that night club's band leader, heard the chant, and asked Rick to come inside and make a gramophone record. The recording company is rushing out the record in the belief that it has discovered the greatest swing singer in years.

LATEST DOLLAR-EARNING export from Britain to show up in the New York shops is the kipper. And in the wrapper in which it arrives are foolproof directions how to cook it.

The 'Grand Hotel' Nanking has only 6 guests left... By Sydney Smith

Nanking. In the last resort a man's bed mattress and his kettle are his most precious chattels, according to our own traffic census on the Chung Shan-road, Nanking. And the Chung Shan-road IS Nanking.

It begins at a ferryboat quay a mile outside the city's North Gate and drags directly on for six and a half miles to the city's South Gate. It passes bamboo and grass matting propped over ditches, where families live in ankle-deep stagnant mud; it becomes a little proud and almost clean as it passes a few army barracks and Government Ministries.

For half a mile or so it even seems to promise that it is leading to something like a real city. The illusion crumbles as wayside warehouses and factories, wooden shacks, scum-covered ponds, and back garden walls give way to a three-mile jumble of shabby shops and offices. Finally, with no salute nor any gesture of dignity at having cleaved its way through the capital of China, the Chung Shan-road potoles its travellers from the South Gate on to a desolate plain.

In the last 229 years, thirty victorious armies have marched up and down the Chung Shan-road, interpreting conquest in their own rude fashions.

Today, a mile across the mud brown Yangtze from where the road begins, another victorious army, well equipped with captured American-made 4.5 field guns and ammunition, is preparing a triumphant march.

It will have to take the Chung Shan-road to town, and that is the road I took today to see Nanking's relictions stretched out along the six and a half miles of potoles, dust, and upstart.

The general cargo of taxis and tricycles includes furniture, bedding, cooking pots, pigs, wicker cages of ducks and chickens, and families with elderly and often dying relatives occasionally carrying their own coffins.

The only well-observed traffic rule on the Chung Shan-road is that the heaviest vehicle has the right of way. This is where begin little islands of wrecked and abandoned vehicles, and the rickshaw passenger must be prepared to leap for his life.

Half a mile inside the gates is the green brick Navy Ministry,

where the marines on guard are the smartest Chinese servicemen. They frequently salute their officers, too. The Food Ministry and the Ministry of Communications, another half-mile on, have their main gates locked these days. Inside, skeleton staffs try to keep out angry mobs of dismissed civil servants claiming more discharge pay.

Nanking's biggest hotel, the 70-roomed Metropole, has six guests at present, no heating because there is no fuel, no hot water, and no telephones. In the bar they sell you Coca-Cola for 2s. 6d. a bottle or whisky for 2s.

On up the road is the Shansi Circle, a Russian restaurant presided over by a grey-haired oldling sitting beside a dripping paraffin stove—str is "Babushka" to everyone—and it is a place of vodka, cabbage soup, and shashlik.

Strange characters in fur-collared coats prowl in the thick accents of Middle-Europe their loyalty to Britain and America, glower over glasses of vodka, and accuse each other of being Communist agents. This is the gayest place in Nanking.

On the other side of the Circle is the Chinese Kuo Min, where for 10s., in a restaurant with a bare board floor, you can have creamed

prawns, braised duck and oyster sauce, fried rice and hot wine. From here our road plunges south into three miles of shattered, empty shops, and shops where by some mysterious bush telegraph prices uniformly jump hour by hour, averaging about 450 percent increase weekly.

There are 20 theatres along here, all currently staging Chinese operas to full houses. Five Chinese and three American films are showing in the eight cinemas. The American films have only Chinese titles. The only English translation I can get of one of them is, "The Intestine-breaking Thought." Hollywood must have had another name for it.

Twice a day the paper boys cry the news of the departing Government, the advancing enemy, the proclamations of Ministers without Ministries, and generals without armies. But sales are small and interest idly apathetic.

Those who trek hopefully north with their bedding and kettles are the last of a minority of a few hundred thousand able to afford to care. The real "locals" have seen thirty Nankings and one republic totter in the last thousand years of the Chung Shan-road, Nanking, China.

NANCY Right in Character

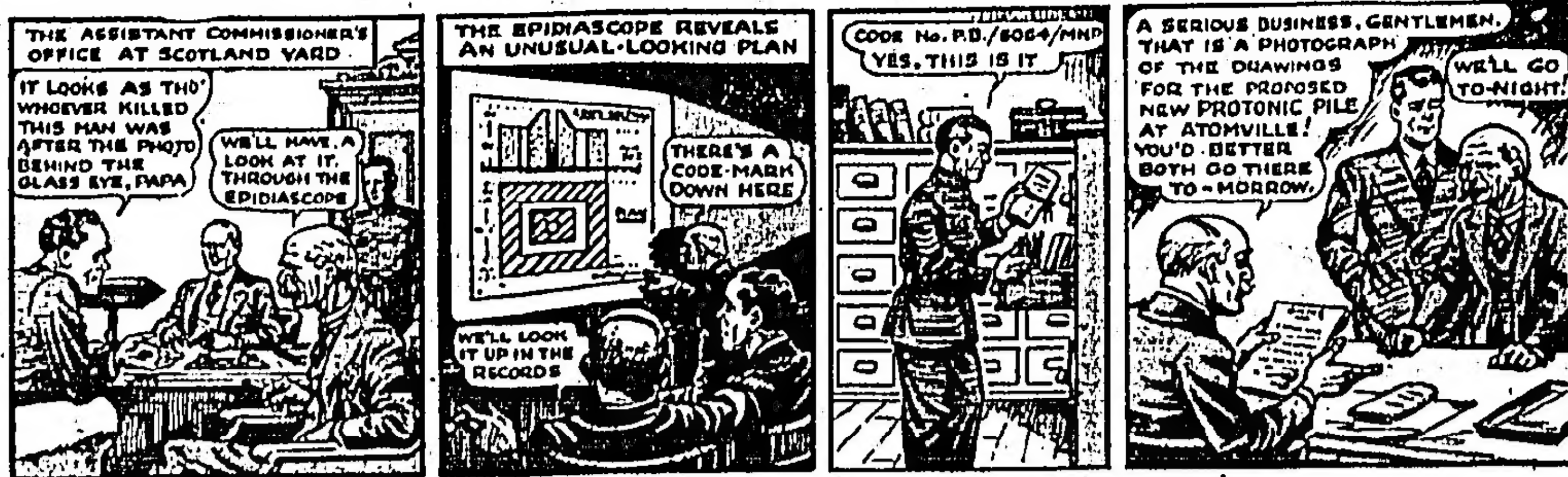


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Mutiny Of Dutch Troops In Sumatra "Strongly Denied"

The Hague, Feb. 14.—An official Overseas Territories Department spokesman today "strongly denied" a Singapore report that Dutch soldiers in West Sumatra had mutinied.

The spokesman described such reports as Indonesian Republican propaganda.

The Dutch Army weekly review of the fighting in the Dutch East Indies, issued in Batavia, today claimed further heavy losses inflicted on "gangs" of Javanese in mopping up operations.

US Intends "To Do More For Japan"

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—The United States Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Royall, today declared "we intend to do more" to help Japan get back on its feet.

His statement, in an address before the San Francisco Democratic Luncheon Club, further refuted reports that the United States intended to withdraw from Japan.

Earlier, at a press conference, Mr. Royall insisted that he had made no statement in Tokyo indicating that America intended to withdraw occupation forces.

He said he made those two points in talking to correspondents in Tokyo.

1. He knew of no plans to change the military strength in Japan in any material respect.

2. It was his opinion that the United States would not be involved in a war in the Orient, but if it were "we can meet all comers."

And again he voiced belief that "war at this time is unlikely."

Associated Press.

RED TEACHERS

Tokyo, Feb. 14.—The education officer of the Tokyo military government today said that Japanese public school teachers who spread Communist propaganda will be sacked.

Captain Paul T. Dupell stated in Tokyo before the January 23 elections that at least 150 teachers, all Communist Party members, visited pupils' homes to distribute anti-Communist literature.

Captain Dupell said the teachers delivered a one-page strongly worded Communist handout which stated that only the Communist Party was in line with the Potsdam Declaration and the education principles of the Far Eastern Commission. The handout also urged parents and teachers not to pay taxes.

The SCAP official said the teachers distributed this leaflet in school time under the guise of "official" home visits.—United Press.

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ALLEGEDLY FORGED BALANCE SHEET

Evidence At Trial Of R.N. Dockyard Employee

Evidence that a draft balance sheet of the Naval Dockyard Recreation Club, allegedly prepared by the auditors and presented by the accused at a committee meeting, but which was subsequently denied by the auditors, was given by W. E. Jaques, assistant civil secretary of the R.N. Dockyard when the trial of Robert George Stewart, 26, employed by the Admiralty, resumed before Mr Justice Wicks at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Stewart, who was treasurer of the Club from 1946 until July 1, 1948, faces four counts of larceny by clerk or servant, two counts of falsification of accounts with intent to defraud and four alternative counts of simple larceny, involving approximately \$13,000.

The jury empanelled comprises five men and two women.

An application by Mr Chen for the accused to sit beside him, in view of the fact that he was not instructed by a solicitor and also that the case involved a certain amount of figures, was granted by the court.

R. G. Ouseley, assistant, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank produced four statements of current account of the Dockyard Recreation Club with the Bank. An entry on October 1, 1947, he said, related to a sum of \$8,120 transferred from fixed deposit. On April 23, 1948, \$1,800 was paid in to the account. There was no record of any deposit of \$7,800 made in April.

SECRETARY'S EVIDENCE

W. E. Jaques said the club was re-established in August, 1946. He was its secretary from July, 1947 until August, 1948. Accused was appointed treasurer in 1946 and was re-elected in 1947. He remained in that position until July 1, 1948.

The duties of the treasurer, witness said, were to receive all monies accruing to the club's funds and, with the exception of a small amount for emergency purposes, to pay the money into the club's account with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

The treasurer was also authorised to make payments and in December, 1947, it was decided by the committee that large accounts be paid by cheque.

Three members of the committee were authorised to sign cheques which must bear the signatures of any two of these members. The persons so authorised were himself, the chairman and the accused as treasurer.

AUDITORS' DENIAL

At a committee meeting held on September 10, 1947, accused presented a financial report showing a balance in hand of \$2,743.43, in addition to \$5,000 placed on fixed deposit with the bank. Another report, showing a balance of \$1,044, was presented by accused on December 9, 1947.

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18 Months For Kwok Kwong

Sentence Passed On PWD Foreman

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facts of an antiquated system which should be immediately rectified.

"But Kwok was not a young man. He was a man who worked for 25-odd years in the PWD, was schooled in the system where there were masters, and men and the word of a master was a word that could not lightly be disobeyed or disregarded. That era is passing."

"Kwok did not understand because he had not been taught that even the 000 yards of wire which he used at the Cathay Pacific was apparently his property, because it was property which was bought by taxpayers' money. In Hongkong, therefore Kwok did not understand the ultimate trust which reposed in the lowest employee that he must safeguard that property of the community to the best of his ability and endeavour in every way to protect that property."

NEW KIND OF CASE

"This is a new kind of case. It is a case which in other countries is used for certain purposes to demonstrate to the public at large and that section of the community, a member of whom is the man in the dock, what they are expected to do in the future."

"I think that Kwok will have suffered enough. This man is a worker, not a man of high intelligence—not even as high intelligence as his brother who gave evidence here. He is a man probably with little imagination. His wife is in Court and his mother is in Court. They are not flashy dressed people as you can see and they are not the kind that would encourage Kwok to commit crimes in order that they might live and look better."

Mr Chen said that Kwok's mother was of the old type with bound feet and was characteristic of the Chinese and the characteristic which she had probably embedded in the mind of her son was loyalty, and it was probably this loyalty which had perhaps got Kwok into this unhappy position.

Mr Chen said that Kwok had been in custody since August 11 last year. He was refused a bail on the ground that as a Chinese he could slip over the border very easily. "That to my mind is no reason for denying bail to a Chinese in Hongkong because for a hundred years it has been easy for Chinese to slip over the border. Still, that is neither here nor there," said counsel.

Mr Chen added that Kwok had been suffering the uncertainties of what might be the outcome of his case for eight months nearly. He had lost his good reputation and even the prosecution had stated that he was a man of good character. He had lost the fruits of his career or the occupation in which he worked for so many years.

Concluding, Mr Chen said that he thought this was a case where justice could be tempered with mercy and in that way they would get justice. Kwok had lost his pension; he had lost everything.

Mr A. Hoon (Crown Counsel) who prosecuted, replying to his Lordship said he had nothing to address the Court on the question of sentence.

His Lordship, in passing sentence, said that he had listened to the very eloquent plea of Mr Chen on the accused's behalf but he could not overlook the seriousness of this type of crime. All Government servants were in a position of trust in the case of the PWD was no real excuse for crimes of this type.

"However I will take into account the fact that Kwok has been of good character up to the date of this case and the fact that he will lose his pension and his job and that the sentence of this Court is that Kwok be imprisoned for eighteen months with hard labour on each of the five counts the sentences to run concurrently."

RECRUITING GOES ON APACE

Registration for voluntary service in the Colony in time of emergency continued at Volunteer Headquarters this morning with a steady stream of applicants. A number of Chinese who were handed forms yesterday to fill in returned them this morning completed. There were also quite a lot of Europeans registering.

"Everything is going along much better today and there are not the chaotic conditions like yesterday," remarked an official who added that only about a quarter of the total number had elected for the Special Constabulary.

A list is being prepared of the number of former Volunteers re-joining and the number of new European and Chinese who have signed up for the Defence Force.

Forms for registration will be available at the HKCC, Club Lusitano, Club de Recreio and Kowloon CC for members only and as from 2 p.m. today, registration will be only at Headquarters in Garden Road.

Up to 9 o'clock last night 800 registration forms had been filled in.

"Dignity Of Gambling"

Las Vegas (Nevada) Feb. 14.—Camp, the American dice game, will be played in Monte Carlo this autumn for the first time in the history of the casino.

The Director of the famed Mediterranean house, M. Louis Cerezo, arrived in Las Vegas yesterday to be taught, he said, "the new dignity of modern gambling."—Reuter.

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TEST MATCH

SOUTH AFRICA MAY HAVE TO FOLLOW ON

Johannesburg, Feb. 14.—England carried their first innings total to 379 and then dismissed seven of South Africa's batsmen for 161 on the second day of the fourth Test at Ellis Park here.

At the close of play South Africa need 69 runs to save the follow on.

Only a stubborn fourth wicket stand of 106 by Dudley Nourse, unbeaten with 76, and Walter Wade, who made 54, saved South Africa from complete collapse. The only chance given by either was offered by Wade, who was dropped at short leg when 20.

Nourse batted confidently, and demonstrated that there was nothing in the pitch to account for the collapse.

Probably the disastrous start to South Africa's innings, in which two men were run out and three wickets fell for only 10, had a chastening effect on the later batsmen.

The two defensive stalwarts, Bruce Mitchell and Ken Viljoen, were out with only four runs on the board, Viljoen run out by the fault of Eric Rowan, who himself was run out with the score at 19. Again he was to blame.

Then came the century partnership between Nourse and Wade, but after Wade's dismissal, led before by Jack Young, Nourse could find no one else to stay with him. England's "tail" added 89 runs for the last three wickets this morning. Alan Watkins, the Glamorgan left-hander, carried his score to 111—his first Test century—made in three hours 40 minutes, including 15 fours.

McCarthy took England's three wickets today for 25 runs, his figures for the innings being five for 114.

THE SCOREBOARD

The scoreboard at the end of the second day's play reads:

ENGLAND—1st Innings				
Hutton, b. E. Rowan, b. Mc	97			
Cartwright, b. A. Rowan, b. Mc	51			
Crapp, b. A. Rowan, b. Tuckett	24			
Watkins hit wicket, b. McCarthy	111			
Mann, c. Wade, b. McCarthy	17			
Jenkins, lbw, b. Mitchell	25			
Bedser, lbw, b. Tuckett	1			
Gladwin, b. McCarthy	18			
Griffith, c. Mitchell, b. McCarthy	8			
Young, not out	14			
Extras	14			
	379			

Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
McCarthy	35.7	3	114	5
Tuckett	29	2	100	3
Rowan	23	1	70	1
Marshall	6	1	38	0
Mann	10	3	20	0
Mitchell	3	0	8	1
Extras—Byes 2, Leg-byes 12				
SOUTH AFRICA—1st Innings				
Mitchell, c. Griffith, b. Bedser	2			
E. Rowan, run out	6			
Viljoen, run out	75			
Nourse, not out	76			
Wade, lbw, b. Young	54			
Harris, b. Bedser	6			
A. Rowan, b. Gladwin	12			
Tuckett, b. Young	0			
Extras	6			
	101			

Bowling to Date:

	O	M	R	W
Bedser	18	2	63	2
Gladwin	17	4	32	1
Jenkins	6	1	28	0
Young	13	3	23	2
Watkins	2	0	9	0
Extras—Leg-byes 6, Reuter				

Sheffield Shield

Sydney, Feb. 14.—With nine wickets in hand, New South Wales already assured of winning the competition, need only 103 runs to beat South Australia in the Sheffield Shield.

The close of play scores today were New South Wales 281 and 27 for one wicket, South Australia 186 and 206.

When South Australia lost five wickets for 60 runs before lunch on a good pitch, it was thought that the match would end today. The fall, however, was not so decisive, and the last wicket pair put on 49 runs in 40 minutes.

Lancley, 51, was a good batsman for the side. Alan Walker took three wickets for 39 but Ray Lindwall was unimpressive while taking two for 50—Reuter.

Annual Dinner

The Hongkong Referees' Association decided to hold its annual dinner on Saturday, March 19, at the China Fleet Club at an extraordinary meeting last night with Mr. A. E. F. Guest in the chair.

Mr. W. Gaffney was appointed to succeed Mr. J. F. da Silva as Hon. Secretary.

It was also decided to seek affiliation with the Hongkong Football Association.

Any member of the Referees' Association interested to participate in the annual dinner can get in touch with Captain Stone, Tel. 34121, Ext. 66.

GOLF STAR IN SMASH UP



Golfer Ben Hogan, shown with Mrs. Hogan during a recent tournament, suffered serious injuries that threaten his career when his car crashed head-on with a bus at El Paso, Texas. Hogan, who in seven years as a golf star has won more than \$150,000 in tournament play, heroically shielded his wife Valerie by throwing himself in front of her at the last moment before the collision.

Badminton Tournay

The draw for the Colony Open Badminton Championships was made yesterday at a Committee meeting of the Badminton Association. The championships commence on Monday, February 25, and the games will be played at the VRC (Monday's and Friday's), Club de Recreio (Tuesday's) and the K.C.C. (Thursday's).

Play at the VRC will be at 7.30 p.m. and at the other two places at 7 p.m.

The draw was as follows:
Senior Men's Singles—R. Tay v. C. Au; D. Funk v. W. Gilles; R. Young v. Lee Chue-choo; W. F. Foo v. F. H. Wong. Seeded.
Junior Men's Singles—W. C. Chung, D. C. Lau, H. J. Xavier, H. Nisale, R. M. Soares, Jacob Khan (bye); A. E. Elliott v. C. H. Ngan; L. Pomeroy v. K. P. Ching; J. A. Soares v. A. D. Brown; Wong Yan v. M. Kempton; R. Thompson, K. S. Thong, F. Brockbank, R. Fisher, P. T. Tai and M. T. Yow (byes). Seeded.
Senior Men's Doubles—R. Tay and P. H. Wong v. R. Young and D. Funk; M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios v. W. F. Foo and C. Au; C. K. Lee and partner v. W. Gilles and S. Saul; S. A. Gray and partner v. H. T. Heol and T. H. Teoh. Seeded.
Junior Men's Doubles—C. Y. Yang and K. P. Ching v. F. H. Ngan and M. F. M. Ribeiro; F. A. Vella and J. J. Goncalves; C. H. Ngan and M. C. Hung; R. Thompson and S. Fowler; Quin and A. J. Remedios (byes); E. M. Rozaire and J. A. Motta v. Lawrence and L. A. Carvalho; H. Hefti and A. D. Brangan; P. M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodriguez; P. Wong and S. C. Chan v. F. Brockbank and H. Nisale; R. F. Tai and W. C. Chung v. M. M. Soares and M. A. Oliveira; MacLeod, M. Kempton and A. E. Elliott v. M. M. Soares and J. A. Soares; L. Pomeroy and G. Rozaire; P. M. Ribeiro and D. C. Lau and W. C. Chung. Seeded.
Senior Mixed Doubles—R. Tay and M. K. Chin and M. T. Yow. Seeded.
Junior Mixed Doubles—R. Tay and M. K. Chin; P. H. Wong and partner v. D. Funk and Mrs. L. F. Stokes; R. Young and Mrs. L. F. Stokes; M. A. Oliveira and Mrs. M. Silva. Seeded.
Junior Mixed Doubles—D. C. Lau and Mrs. H. Kwong v. C. H. Ngan and Mrs. T. Remedios; F. M. Ribeiro and Mrs. A. Lawrence v. A. L. Nery and Mrs. B. Remedios; C. Quin and Mrs. Y. Franco; A. J. Remedios and Mrs. J. Soares; P. Lo and Mrs. O. Loy v. A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Anderson; A. J. Goncalves and Mrs. G. Silva v. M. Kempton and Mrs. P. Ramsey; Wilson and Mrs. G. Guttinger and Mrs. M. Balm; H. J. Xavier and Mrs. T. Papalia v. T. E. Rodriguez and Mrs. P. M. Ribeiro; M. M. Soares and Mrs. L. Benjamin; W. C. Chung and Mrs. W. C. Ching v. J. A. Soares and Mrs. M. Soares.
Ladies' Singles—Mrs. U. Khoo, Miss I. S. Lee, Miss A. Tamworth; Miss B. Remedios v. Mrs. A. Tamworth; Miss N. Kwong v. Miss Margaret Xavier; Mrs. F. P. Balm, Miss M. Balm, and Miss M. Ribeiro. Seeded.
Ladies' Doubles—Mrs. M. Silva and Mrs. Margaret Silva; Miss U. Khoo and Mrs. Correa; Miss M. Soares and Mrs. A. Heoh v. Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. L. Benjamin; Miss D. Ramsey and Mrs. G. Guttinger; Miss M. Balm; Miss M. Soares and Mrs. G. Silver v. Mrs. L. Soares and Mrs. H. P. Lam; Miss N. Kwong and Mrs. H. P. Lam; Miss N. Kwong and Mrs. T. Remedios; Mrs. L. F. Stokes and Mrs. A. Tamworth, byes. Seeded.

Ski Competition

Spokane, Feb. 14.—Severe Kongsgard, Norwegian exchange student at the University of Idaho, took first place honours today in the Pacific Northwest Ski Association jumping championships on Mount Spokane.

The Norwegian and the rest of the field were hampered by a heavy snowstorm.

Kongsgard leaped 150 feet in his first try and 125 in his second. Gus Rauman was second with jumps of 151 and 143 feet. Art Toile took 145-foot Rauman with jumps of 149 and 140 feet.—United Press.

Korean Skaters

Oso, Norway, Feb. 13.—Chang Nan-plum, of Korea, finished 19th and H. Chang-lee of Korea 25th in the 1,500-metre event of an international speed skating meet at Trondheim today.—Associated Press.

First Asian Games For New Delhi

New Delhi, Feb. 14.—The first Asia Regional Olympics will be held in New Delhi in February and March of next year.

Nine countries on Monday adopted a constitution for the Asian Games Federation, deciding to hold Regional Olympics every four years under the auspices of the International Olympic Association on a strictly amateur basis.

It was decided to hold the 1954 Asia Olympics in Manila. Participating countries will be Burma, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines and Siam.—Associated Press.

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

In Either Bridge
Or Gin, All Is All

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

ONE of the nicest boys on Broadway is Billy Bruce, who has coached many of America's outstanding players. His biggest thrill, outside of "going gin," is to see some youngster make the top of the ladder of success.

Although bridge stories generally cannot be repeated with the same effect as when they originally happened, I want to tell you one about Billy. We finally got him in a bridge game, and today's hand came up.

In response to Billy's opening two-bid, my four no trump was made to show two aces. When Billy bid five hearts, I assumed

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7543		A73		2	
A73		A7		2	
A7		J1008		2	
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that he was showing me two aces. That was why I waited no time in going to seven spades.

When the opening lead was made by West, Billy trumped it, spread the balance of his hand, and said, "Gin."

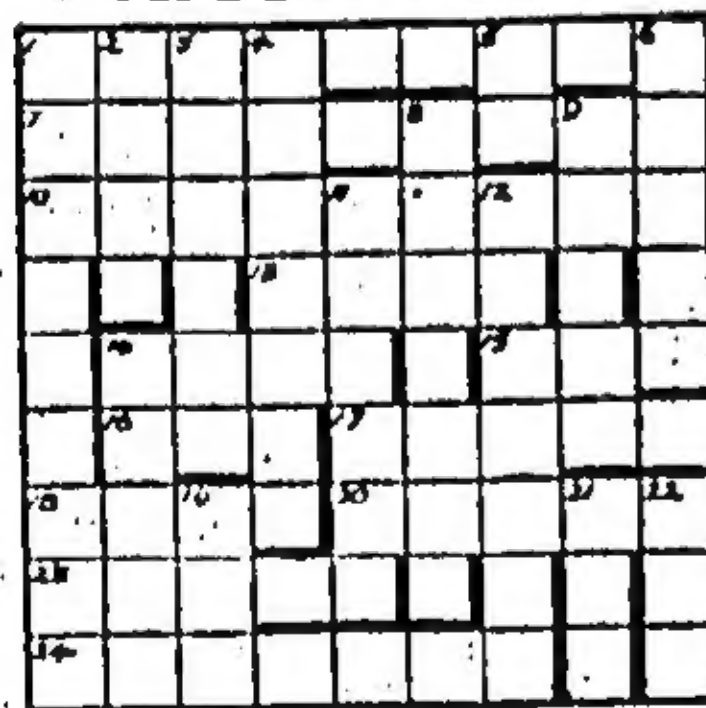
If you are a gin player and a bridge player, you will appreciate how funny it was when he actually did this in all seriousness. As you can see, he was right. He was "Gin." Either in a gin game or a bridge game, he had all the tricks.

Check Your Knowledge

- What part of the human body acts as a storehouse for calcium?
- Who was the youngest Prime Minister of England?
- Name the author of the poem "Two Grenadiers" which was set to music by Robert Schumann.
- Name the five galls of a five-galled horse.
- For how many years has Switzerland stayed out of war?
- What city is called the "Paris of the New World"?

(Answers in Column 2)

CROSSWORD



- Across
- This stage of culture came between the use of stone and of iron implements. (6)
 - The act of soundness. (9)
 - Out of favour. (8)
 - Always spotted in the game. (4)
 - Ego. (4)
 - In which you were born. (8)
 - Allegory. (10)
 - Usually a pleasing expression. (8)
 - See 1 Down

- Down
- These are not necessarily grown in Belgium. (7)
 - Bird that was like an outsize victim. (10)
 - This odd combination of positive and negative. (10)
 - Where a young son. (8)
 - What rubbish it is. (6)
 - In these the student hopes to become a doctor. (10)
 - Postal attachment. (8)
 - Container. (10)
 - See 20 Across.

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1. Tactless. 2. Nerve. 3. Distant. 4. Gull. 5. Laid. 6. Gull. 7. Distant. 8. Laid. 9. Gull. 10. Distant. Down: 1. Tactless. 2. Nerve. 3. Distant. 4. Gull. 5. Laid. 6. Gull. 7. Distant. 8. Laid. 9. Gull. 10. Distant.



CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- Answers
- The bones. 2. William Pitt (the younger), who became Prime Minister at 24. 3. Heinrich Heine. 4. Walk, trot, canter, slow-gait and rack. 5. Over 100 years. 6. Rio de Janeiro.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

King Nep Had a Little Friend

—He Was an Indian Boy Named Hiawatha—

By MAX TRELL

AS Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children, walked past the grove of pine trees and came near the brook at the shady spot where they moved slowly among the rocks, they heard two voices.

One of the voices they recognised at once. It belonged to their small friend King Nep. The second voice they never heard before. It was soft and very low and sounded as though the person who was speaking didn't care to say very much.

Mossy Bank

Knarf and Hanid came closer to the brook. Under the mossy bank, they found King Nep dressed as usual in his green suit, sitting with his tiny legs curled under him and touching the flowing brook now and then with his three-pointed cane. Beside him sat and this was quite surprising! an Indian boy, dressed in deerskin and moccasins with a bow and a quiver of arrows in his hand.

As soon as King Nep caught sight of Knarf and Hanid, he waved to them merrily and bade them come over. "This is my old friend Hiawatha," he said. Hiawatha nodded his head gravely. But Knarf and Hanid were astonished and delighted to meet so famous an Indian.

"Did I ever tell you," King Nep said, after Knarf and Hanid had taken their place under the bank, "that Hiawatha used to go fishing in this brook long before you or your father or your grandfather or your grandfather's grandfather lived here?"

Again Hiawatha nodded gravely. "Tell Knarf and Hanid how you used to go fishing here," King Nep used to go fishing here," King Nep

Rupert's Elfin Bell—11



Near her caravan the gipsy Granny turns and faces the three pals. "Strange things are happening below the earth and somebody must discover what they are," she says slowly. "There may be work and there may be danger. I am too old to go and I can't spare Rollo. Would you two little people be ready to face it?" "Of course we will," says Rupert in great excitement. "But I will do anything we can to help. Please tell us when to start and where to go." And the old lady smiles at their eagerness.

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SCIENCE AT WORK:

FISH WILL GO ON EVEN IF MAN IS DESTROYED

By PAUL F. ELLIS

FISH life, it appears, will go on and on, even though man may destroy his race in an atomic war. Dr. Leonard P. Schultz, curator of fishes of the U.S. National Museum in Washington, reports that a re-visit to Bikini Atoll, where the bomb was tested, discloses the prodigious life of the sea going on essentially as if nothing had happened.

In a report to the Smithsonian Institution, he said the same species of fish and other marine organisms were found in about the same abundance as before. There appeared, he said, to be no change in ways of life or any noticeable decline in vigour.

Dr. Schultz said that doubtless many millions of individual fishes or other marine specimens were killed in the Bikini explosion, but that there was slight, if any, effect on the races. He said it must be understood that lower forms of

animal life probably are less sensitive to destructive radiations than man and the higher mammals.

According to Dr. Schultz, there may have been "profound genetic" effects on the surviving marine organisms, but they would not show up for several generations in sufficient degree to be measured. In years to come, some strange-looking fish may be found in the Bikini Atoll.

Bats' Squeaks

The annual Smithsonian Institution report also has a paper by Dr. Brian Vesey-Fitzgerald, British naturalist, who said bats long preceded man in the perfection of echo-sounding devices, supposedly their major reliance for flying in the dark and for locating their prey.

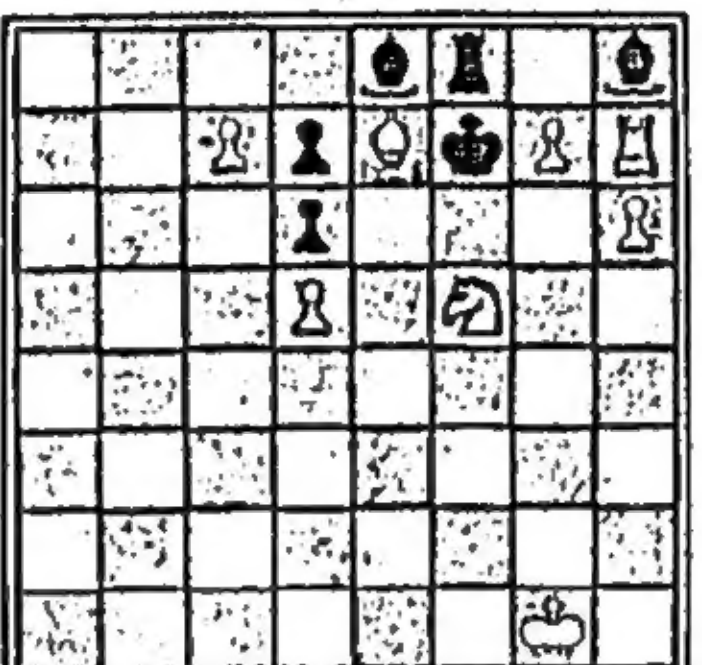
The bats, according to Vesey-Fitzgerald, constantly emit squeaks with a vibration range between 25,000 and 75,000 a second, mostly above the limit of human hearing. They are extremely sensitive to echoes—so much so that they are able to judge the location of objects in their paths within a fraction of an inch on the darkest night or when they have been blinded.

(Tomorrow—Book Parade.)

CHESS PROBLEM

By W. PAULY

Black, 6 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-B3, any; 2. Q, B, or K mates.

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

BORN today, you are very progressive. You always are thinking up new ways to do everything. Don't fall into the error of trying to change even those things which are good.

Very fond of music, it is likely that you will have some very definite talent in one of the fields—probably instrumental. If so trained, you are might wish to select music as your life's profession. It is likely that you will show your musicality and individuality and belong to the moderns.

Your next love is science. You are especially good in experimental work, for your analytical mind would be able to make classical

conclusions and from them draw definite conclusions. You are interested in making new discoveries and this would also be of great aid and assistance in science. Even mechanics and engineering are appealing and you may divert your energies to one of these fields.

You have strong family ties and are fond of your own family—almost to an exclusive extent, not making as many friends outside, perhaps as you life's profession. Your marriage should be a very happy one.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding mental work, for your analytical mind would be able to make classical

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—An energetic day for all workers. Continue yesterday's activity. Make those in selling, wholesale and retail, the most of every advantage. Strike should make good progress now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Advertising and promotion pay General business affairs are good. Excellent dividends. Complete an Employees seem to be especially content or an agreement, already favoured at this time, also.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—An unexpected journey may prove to be something of a hazard. But strict control today, otherwise they observe caution and all will be well. may get out of hand.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be sure of where you are going. It is very true that all that glitters is not gold.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—The Mail-order advertising is especially advocated if you want to step up your selling percentage. Be forward.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—You may need to handle property or land matters, but don't neglect your home interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Be sure of where you are going. It is very true that all that glitters is not gold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Not a very good day—and the balance is on the poor side. Be careful of detail work to avoid errors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—The tide appears to have turned against you for now, so be very cautious in any important decisions which comes up.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

RETURNING to the question of soft music in banks, I think it important to make the grilles behind which the lady cashiers stand more romantic. They should be rose-twined lattices.

On the approach of a client, the girl would lean out provocatively and throw him a rose. He would then present his cheque dreamily.

Cashier (mischiefously): My mother told me not to accept cheques from strange men, but, of course, this is strictly business, isn't it?

Strabismus on the Amazon (XII)

(From Professor Blotiaux)

NO progress today. Strabismus is disposed after being made a member of the Itzokrali tribe, with the title of One-Eyed Horse In The Sunset. The usual pipe of peace, offered by Chief Wana-blapalzi, who traces his descent from the tree-eaters of Mt. Popokatinakel, made the Doctor sick. Howards shot a nospica, and we made a broth, which restored our leader to health as evening fell. Our guide says we are nearing the haunts of the huacopi, and may any day hear his peculiar call. It is described as an owl-like bird with a parrot's head, and the Doctor has decided to construct two wooden figures—an owl and a parrot—to lure the bird from its nest. While it is wondering which is its mate, down will come a huge butterfly net over its head.

Faithful and true

They met, she said, in 1497, and were married in February 1498.

(News Item.)

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

23 Nations Begin Trade Talks

Geneva, Feb. 14.—Delegates from 23 countries, including the United States and Russia, opened trade talks here today at the first meeting of the newly-formed Trade Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

NO DEFINITE TREND IN RUBBER

New York, Feb. 14.—Number 1 contract rubber futures today closed unchanged to eight points lower on sales totalling 60 contracts.

Standard futures closed five points higher nominally, with no sales reported. Today there was quiet fluctuation within a narrow range, with no indication of any definite trend. The sharp recoveries in grains and other commodities did not have any influence as the recovery was regarded as purely technical.

The physical market was stable, with the factories making small purchases and refusing to reach up for the higher prices. A meeting of the Rubber Study Group in London, scheduled for the end of March, is expected to discuss the relationship between production and consumption.

Prices closed as follows:—

No. 1 Contract Rubber Futures	18.15 nominal
March	18.00
April	17.85
May	17.70
June	17.55
July	17.40
August	17.25
September	17.10
October	16.95
November	16.80
December	16.65
January	16.50
February	16.35
March	16.20
April	16.05
May	15.90

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October 15.10
November 14.95
December 14.80
January 14.65
February 14.50
March 14.35
April 14.20
May 14.05

—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

This morning's turnover on the Stock Exchange was \$113,321.00. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARPS BUYERS SELLERS SALES	
GOVT. LOANS	102
4% (1940)	101 1/2
BANKS	1820
HSBC Bank	710
INDUSTRIALS	520
Union	710
Underwriters	520
DOCKS, ETC.	100 @ 137 1/2
K. Wharf	500 @ 11 1/4
Doek	20 1/2 @ 27 1/2
Provident	11 1/2 @ 500 @ 11 1/4
Shal Dock	11 1/2 @ 500 @ 11 1/4
LAND, ETC.	15.30 @ 16
HSBC	105 @ 68
HSBC Land	64 @ 75
Shal Land	3 1/2 @ 140
Humphreys	14 1/2 @ 140
UTILITIES	20 1/2 @ 14 1/2
Star Ferry	125 @ 20 1/2
C. Light (O)	14.60 @ 15.20
C. Light (R)	11
Electric	500 @ 20 1/2
Telephone	35
INDUSTRIALS	30
STORIES, ETC.	43 1/2 @ 50 1/2
Dairy (N)	50 1/2 @ 50 1/2
MISCELLANEOUS	6.00 @ 6.50
HSBC Construction	5

Threat To UK Cotton Industry

Manchester, Feb. 14.—Mr. E. A. Carpenter, President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, warned today that if Japan is compelled to rely on her cotton industry to maintain her economy, hopes of full employment in Britain's cotton industry will be vain.

Mr. Carpenter told the Chamber's annual meeting that the combined interests of the industry in the United States and Britain "may yet evoke a policy by the American and British Governments which will not compel Japan to rely almost entirely on her cotton industry to maintain her economy."

"If Japan is so compelled, then I am afraid our hopes, and indeed the assurances that have been given of full employment in the Lancashire industry will have been in vain," he said.—Reuter.

N.Y. Metals Market

Closing Prices Feb. 14
Iron Ore (50% percent iron) delivered power port Lake Superior, per short ton, US\$37.75
Copper (Electrolytic, 99.95% min. Cu) per lb., 23 1/2 cents
Zinc (Prime Western, New York) per lb., 18.20
Manganese (Electrolytic, 99.9% min. Mn) delivered east of Mississippi River, 32.00
—United Press.

London Silver

London, Feb. 14
Silver, Spot, per ounce, 42-1/2d, 43d
Silver, Forward, per ounce 42-1/2d, 43d.

Wool Price Increase At Melbourne

Sydney, Feb. 14.—Buyers operating for Japan are believed to have caused a rise of up to 15 percent in medium to strong crossbred wool values at Melbourne sales.

Since Russia stopped buying these wools at the close of the December auction, Australian and British mills had been the principal buyers. Recent demand for better quality Merino wool has been weaker. Latest auction prices are five percent less than the December rates.

The latest estimate of the Australian wool clip for the 1948-9 season is 3,220,000 bales. This is 60,000 bales more than estimated last July, and 210,000 bales more than the 1947-8 clip.—Associated Press.

HOBBART RECORD

Sydney, Feb. 14.—A new record high price was reported on January 28 for greasy merino wool at the Hobart Auction. An unidentified American buyer paid 17 1/4 Australian pence a pound for two bales of extra superfine wool. The previous Australian record was 15 1/2 pence.—Associated Press.

N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Argentine Peso (Official)	US\$0.2077
Argentine Peso (Unofficial)	2003
Australia	2.25 @ 2.25
Brazil	0.50 @ 0.50
Belgium	0.22 @ 0.22
Canada	0.23 @ 0.23
Chile	0.23 @ 0.23
France	0.15 @ 0.15
India	0.15 @ 0.15
Mexico	0.15 @ 0.15
New Zealand	0.15 @ 0.15
Peru	0.15 @ 0.15
Portugal	0.15 @ 0.15
South Africa	0.15 @ 0.15
Sweden	0.15 @ 0.15
Switzerland	0.15 @ 0.15
Uruguay	0.15 @ 0.15
Venezuela	0.15 @ 0.15
Netherlands	0.15 @ 0.15
Taiwan	0.15 @ 0.15
Singapore	0.15 @ 0.15
Hongkong	0.15 @ 0.15
Shanghai	0.15 @ 0.15

—United Press.

N.Y. Seeds And Oils

Castor seed, per long ton	US\$115 asked
F.O.B. Brazil	US\$115 asked
Cotton seed, per long ton	60 dom.
F.O.B. Memphis	60 dom.
Flax seed, per bushel	0
F.O.B. Minneapolis	0
Linseed oil, in tank, cask, F.O.B. New York	27.8 cents
Peanut oil, per lb. F.O.B.	17 1/2 cents
New York	17 1/2 cents

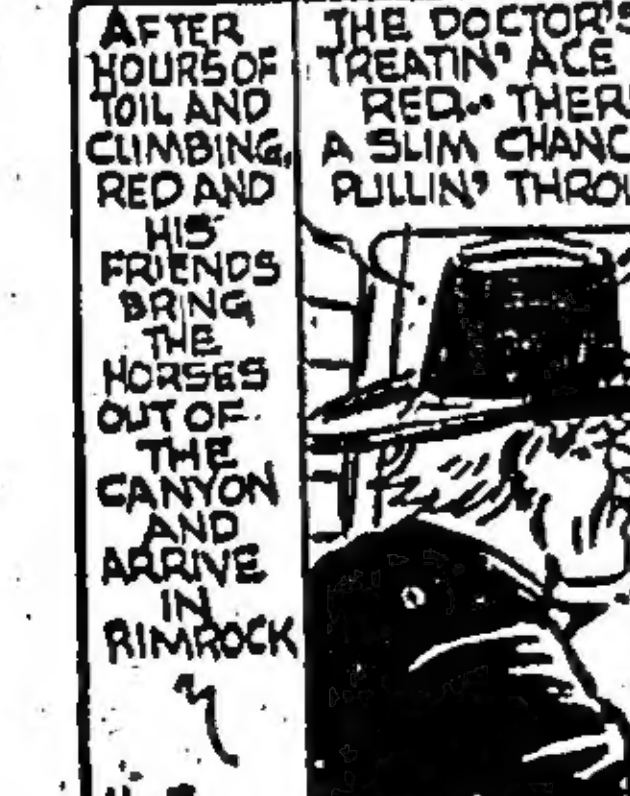
—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—
Selling pound note (per £1) 18.30
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 5.1675
Gold bars (per 100) 307.25
£100 notes (per 100) 8.175
£100 notes (per 100) 23.00
£100 notes (per 100) 31.35
Gold yuan (per yuan) 603

RED RYDER

A Wasted Man



BY FRED HARMAN

BUT HIM TRY IMPOS-SOM-BUL-HIM NEVER GET HIM BEST OF RED RYDER!



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Reds Failing In Endeavour To Sabotage ERP

OPTIMISTIC REPORT FROM PRESIDENT TRUMAN

Washington, Feb. 14.—Communist efforts to defeat the European Recovery Programme, although "well-backed with talent and money," are failing, President Truman told the Congress today in an optimistic report.

The report of recovery operations of the Economic Co-operation Administration for the second quarter ending September 30, 1948, noted: "The Communist propaganda drive is powerful, constant and well-backed with talent and money. There are signs that the anti-recovery efforts of the Communists, including their propaganda campaign, have not come up to expectations."

The report reached the House and Senate committees both of which were considering legislation to authorise the recovery agency \$5,580,000,000 for operations during the 15-month period ending June 30, 1950. The President's report said that Europe must earn its own way, but not at the cost of disease and unrest among its citizens.

Mindszenty Trial Rated As "Unfair"

British Minister's Conclusion

London, Feb. 14.—The British Minister to Hungary, Mr. Alexander Helm, has reached a "firm conclusion" that the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty had "no resemblance to a fair trial in the terms understood in Britain," Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today.

This, Mr. McNeill said, was particularly due to the fact that the "entire resources of the State were used before and during the Cardinal's detention to create prejudice against him."

Sir Henry Morris Jones, National Liberal and a doctor, asked whether the Cardinal's demeanour during his trial was not consistent with the administration of a drug which paralysed all will and all consciousness.

Mr. McNeill replied that the Cardinal's behaviour after his arrest and in court certainly compared most surprisingly with his behaviour beforehand.

Mr. McNeill added that the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ernest Bevin, agreed with the conclusion of Mr. Helm.

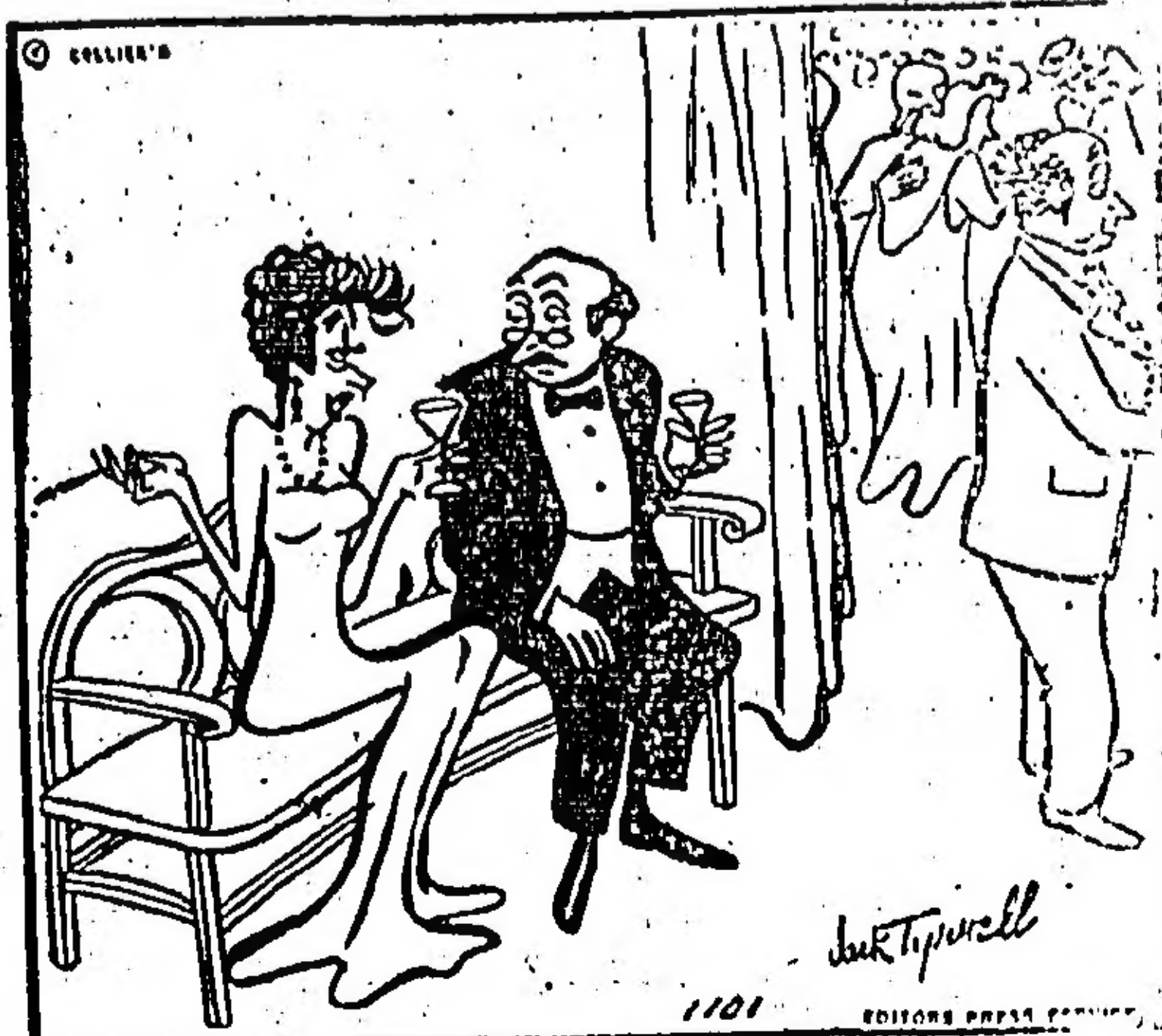
MP'S REQUEST
Pressed by a Conservative Member, Mr. Christopher Halls, to break off economic relations with Hungary, Mr. McNeill replied that the Hungarian Government would "no doubt themselves realise that their behaviour has aroused in this country much indignation which might find many means of expression."

The British Government, he added, would "naturally consider all courses of possible future action in regard to Hungary and other countries guilty of similar behaviour."

Mr. John Boyd Carpenter, another Conservative, said that Britain should use the veto to prevent Hungary's election to the United Nations until Cardinal Mindszenty was released.

Mr. McNeill replied that Britain had recently told the United Nations Assembly that she would in no circumstances use the veto to bar the admission of any State which secured a majority of seven votes in the Security Council.

That did not imply that Britain would necessarily vote for Hungary's admission, he added.—Reuter.



"I never know what I'm saying—I just talk to keep the conversation alive."

Linda And Tyrone Cut The Cake



Linda Christian and Tyrone Power cut their wedding cake at reception in the home of U.S. Ambassador James C. Dunn in Rome, Italy, following their wedding there. The film couple were married in the little church of Santa Francesca Romana in a setting that vied in colour with that of a movie extravaganza. — AP Picture.

"Housekeeper" For US Govt Proposed

Hoover Commission Recommendations

Washington, Feb. 14.—The Hoover Commission today proposed that the Government be given a housekeeper.

The Commission recommended to Congress that an Office of General Services be created. This would be one way to streamline the executive branch and make it more efficient, the Commission said. Supply records, management and operation of public buildings would be centred in this new office, according to the Commission, which said these three activities "now suffer from lack of central direction."

The Commission, headed by ex-President Herbert Hoover, said in the third of 15 reports which it will make to Congress before March 13: "There activities are carried on in several places within the executive branch with varying degrees of adequacy. Unless they are adequately managed, the executive branch cannot be effectively managed."

PURCHASING PROGRAMME
Emphasising that the function of supply alone was a big business, the Commission said it was estimated the Government would spend more than \$6,078,000,000 on purchases during the fiscal year 1949. Civilian supply purchases alone totalled \$800,000,000 a year, despite "goods in storage throughout the country with an estimated value of \$27,000,000,000."

The Commission said that by centralising policy-making and co-ordination of supply activities in the proposed Office, the Treasury Department's Bureau of Federal Supply could be abolished as inefficient, expensive and generally unsatisfactory.

Agencies located in Washington have to get their supplies through this bureau, but use of its field facilities is voluntary. The proposed new housekeeping bureau would assign responsibility for purchase and storage of commodities to the agency best suited to buy them for all.—United Press.

Power Stations For Australia

Canberra, Feb. 14.—Australian Federal and State Ministers agreed in conference here today to begin the immediate construction of 20 hydro-electric power stations in the Snowy River Valley, south of the Federal capital.

The project will take about 25 years to complete, will provide Australia with its largest hydro-electric power supply of approximately 1,750,000,000 kilowatts, and will cost A £185 million.

A major defence plan is linked with the scheme, including the creation of a new defence production area specially protected against atom bomb attacks. Huge power stations and immense factories will be constructed for underground.

The Federal Minister for Works and Housing said the country's electric power resources must be developed in the least possible time.—Reuter.

POCKET CARTOON



Disorders Follow Elections

Belfast, Feb. 14.—Stone-throwing and street fighting between "loyalists" and "republicans" were reported in rural areas over the weekend following the partitionist victory at the polls on Thursday.

At Downpatrick, County Down, 12 people were injured when the police used clubs against a group of Nationalists and Unionists. The Nationalists burned the offices of the Premier, John Costello, and unsuccessful Nationalist candidates.

In Clonmore, County Armagh, Benan Hall was burned for the third time in recent months. The Nationalists, led by an advance guard of pipers, broke up a dance at the Catholic Hall in Fivemiletown, County Tyrone, on the Irish Republic-North Ireland border. They smashed down the door and marched in singing Unionist Party songs and throwing out a Republican or two.

The police had to escort the Republican band to its side of the border. The burning of haystacks and some breaking of windows were reported from scattered districts.—United Press.

Ireland And The Council Of Europe

Paris, Feb. 14.—Eire's Foreign Minister, Mr. Sean MacBride, said today that Ireland would participate fully in the proposed Council of Europe.

"We have always thought that the concept of a Federated States of Europe would be the best safeguard against war," he told a press conference.—Reuter.

WEYGAND DENIES ALLEGATIONS BY ZILLIACUS

KRAVCHENKO LIBEL SUIT

Paris, Feb. 14.—A letter from General Maxime Weygand was read by the presiding judge when the hearing of the Kravchenko libel suit was resumed today.

The letter denied allegations by Mr Konni Ziliacus, British Labour Member of Parliament, that the French Army in Syria in 1940 sought more to fight Russia than to defeat Germany. It also denied that when Ziliacus went to Syria he had seen only maps for attacks on the Baku region across the Armenian plateau.

The first witness today was General Ernest Petit, member of the Republican Resistance Party, who was head of a French military mission and had spent more than three years in Moscow during the war.

General Petit said that in his opinion, references in Kravchenko's book: "I Chose Freedom" to the Red Army and Air Force, and the descriptions of military operations, were either inaccurate or untrue. Kravchenko had said that the Red Army fought merely for patriotic reasons and "despite Stalin." "That is absolutely false," General Petit said. "They fought as they did because they had faith in the future of their country under Generalissimo Stalin's leadership."

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DEAF WITNESS
The next defence witness was a 71-year-old French engineer, M. Jules Cot, a tiny stooping figure in a loose-fitting black jacket, who according to the defence was hard of hearing. Stepping beyond the witness bar close to the clerk's table, M. Cot answered questions shouted at him by the judge. He said he went to Russia in 1910 and had spent the greater part of his life there.

Maitre Nordmann protested that the photostatic copy of an article in the Soviet newspaper, *Industria*, produced by Maitre Nordmann for Kravchenko last week was not a speech by M. Molotov, "as I had indicated but a newspaper article on the aspects of the third five-year plan as outlined by M. Molotov at a party Congress."

Maitre Nordmann said an official translation of the *Industria* article was being made and will be handed in to court. The court then adjourned because further defence witnesses were not available. Eventually other witnesses became available and the hearing was resumed.

REFUGEE'S EVIDENCE
M. Alexei Govorov, an erect soldierly figure with his hair closely cropped in Russian style, gave evidence in Russian. He said he was 54 and had belonged to the General Staff of the Russian Imperial Army. He had been a refugee in France for 25 years.

M. Govorov said he spoke as a Russian patriot on behalf of all Russian patriots in France, who were grateful for the refuge given to them and were "deeply indignant" that Kravchenko should have brought before a French court a trial discrediting their native land.

M. Govorov said that Kravchenko was appointed to the Soviet Purchasing Mission in Washington in his capacity as an officer of the Red Army. From then on, M. Govorov referred to Kravchenko as "Captain Kravchenko."

M. Govorov added that the passport Kravchenko showed to a New York Times reporter in 1944 described him as a captain of the Russian Army. "Where is your evidence?" M. Govorov asked.

M. Govorov replied that his facts were taken from Kravchenko's own book. Speaking as a soldier, he said that from the provisions of the military law, it was quite clear that Kravchenko was a deserter.

M. Govorov: "The Germans utilised for their propaganda the interview Kravchenko gave to the New York Times."

Kravchenko (violently): "The Germans also used Molotov and Stalin. The country (Russian) and Stalin are two things completely different."

ARDENT PATRIOTISM
M. Francis Thomas, Inspector General to the French Ministry for prisoners of war and ex-servicemen, said he had visited Russia in his capacity as President of the Committee of Assistance to Soviet prisoners liberated in France.

He was impressed by the freed Soviet prisoners' "ardent patriotism."

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